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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: SOVIET CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER ARRESTED

RELIABLE JEWISH DISSIDENT SOURCES TELL US THAT LAWYER WHO DEFENDED ANAOLY MAL'KIN DURING LATTER'S TRIAL LATE IN AUGUST ON CHARGES STEMMING FROM HIS REFUSAL TO SERVE IN THE SOVIET ARMY HAS NOW HIMSELF BEEN ARRESTED. OUR SOURCES SPECULATE THAT THE IMMEDIATE REASON FOR THE ARREST WAS THAT MAL'KIN WAS TOO WELL DEFENDED (ALTHOUGH HE RECEIVED AN "EXEMPLARY" SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS). THE SOURCES ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THEY FEEL THE ARREST IS INTENDED ALSO AS A WARNING TO SOVIET LAWYERS WHO MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO SERVE AS DEFENSE ATTORNEYS IN OTHER CASES INVOLVING DISSIDENTS THAT IT COULD BE DANGEROUS FOR THEM TO DO SO. MAL'KIN'S LAWYER HAS NOT YET BEEN CHARGED (TO OUR KNOWLEDGE) THOUGH HE HAS BEEN IN PRISON FOR TWO WEEKS ALREADY.  
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